



From the Desk of the Editor-in-Chief

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I welcome you to the inaugural edition of the **Journal of Indian Physician Associates (JIPA)**.

This moment is the culmination of a long-held vision to establish a premier platform for the academic and professional advancement of physician associates, not just in India, but across the globe.

Our journey began in October 2024, a path made possible by the unwavering support and trust of **Ms. Gomathi**, President of the Indian Association of Physician Assistants (IAPA). Her vision to empower us to work independently on this monumental task was the catalyst that brought this idea to life. We recognized early on the need for a journal of this stature and the importance of assembling the right talent to bring it to fruition. The backend work was immense, involving countless Zoom meetings with eminent international faculty members, including presidents of PA societies worldwide. These dialogues were critical in building our quorum and finalizing a robust plan.

We took great care in framing the bylaws of JIPA, ensuring they are ethically, legally, and morally sound, designed to stand the test of time. A critical component of this was establishing a fallback mechanism to sustain a steady flow of manuscripts. Our financial planning, a result of numerous meetings with legal and financial experts in the publishing industry, has laid the groundwork for a self-sustaining journal. We are also honored to have formed the **International Veritas Council**, a think tank of global leaders and subject experts who will provide the neurological framework to our cohesive work, helping us generate fresh ideas. To foster a new generation of researchers, we also established a separate student editorial board to encourage early engagement and submissions.

We extend our deepest gratitude to **Dr. Kilgore, Dr. Colletti, and Dr. Rolfs** for their invaluable assistance in initiating our dialogue with **Digital Commons-Elsevier**. This collaboration has provided us with a unique and sophisticated platform for manuscript submissions and peer reviews, which is a crucial step toward our goal of being indexed in major databases.

Over the past five to six months, we have organized monthly Zoom talks to ignite interest in scientific writing and submission, and the response has been truly encouraging. We received 21 manuscripts, and I am thrilled to announce that our first edition, launching this October, will feature 10 of these remarkable works.

The purpose of launching JIPA is to cultivate a culture of scientific writing and academic inquiry within the PA fraternity. The journal's sustenance depends on the enthusiasm of PAs in submitting their scientific work and the tireless efforts of our editorial team in guiding these manuscripts through the publication process. I sincerely hope that the Indian and global PA community will embrace and support JIPA as their own, promoting it widely to ensure its continued success.

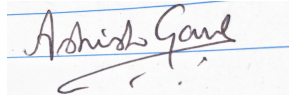
Our Vision

The **Journal of Indian Physician Associates (JIPA)** is committed to being a premier, peer-reviewed medical and healthcare journal. Our primary aim is to be a platform for the academic and professional growth of physician associates in India while remaining inclusive of the global PA

community. We invite healthcare, primary care, and public health professionals to contribute original research, clinical insights, and scholarly dialogue.

JIPA is more than just a journal; it's a testament to the power of a shared vision and collaborative effort. It's an intellectual home for our community, a place where ideas are born, debated, and refined. I look forward to witnessing the impact of your contributions on the future of our profession.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ashish Gaur". The signature is written on a light blue horizontal line. Below the line, there are some faint, illegible marks.

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